accidents. Actually, I on Indian Railways, the accidents are more on account of human failures...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: They are taking place at the same place, at the same spot.

That is the problem.

AN HON. MEMBER: In Andhra Pradesh, seven accidents had taken place at the same place between Vijayawada and Madras.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Seven accidents at the same place. We are having accidents at that same place. It is continuously going on.

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: His question does not arise out of the present question...(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri V. M. Patel. He is not here. Shri Hanumanthappa...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: I have not got an answer from the Minister...(*Interruptions*)... Mr. Chairman, Sir, I seek your protection. I have not got an answer as to what the latest technology is. These are actually accidents in the higher strata. I do not find fault with our Minister. But unfortunately, there were more accidents at the same spot, same place, seven or eight times. I want to know what measures he has taken and what latest technology he has used.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You ask a different question on this. Your technology can cover everything. But you cannot make him answer the question so comprehensively.

SHRI TINDAVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Sir, I seek your protection. What I mean is the latest technology to avoid accidents. Have you considered it? If not, why not?

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Application of technology to prevent accidents!

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Sir, there is no specific technology for avoiding accidents. If the hon. Member has got any information, he can give it to us... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: I am asking a question and you are also putting a question.

SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF: Let me complete. Whenever there is an accident, we keep on thinking how to avoid it. Our study on accidents in Indian Railways revealed that the accidents were mostly on account of human failure. I am proud to say that comparatively, these accidents have come down very substantially. What is required is that certain costly inputs should be put into the system to take certain more measures which is not in the form of any technology as such. So, there is no technology for avoiding accidents. If you have any information, please send it to us and we will certainly look into it... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 303... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Sir, I have not been given a chance ... (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is no time now. We have taken more than half-an-hour on this question. Please... (*Interruptitns*)... You cannot discuss it exhaustively in Question Hour...(*Interruptions*)... I cannot call everybody also. It is impossible for the Chairman to do that... (*Interruptions*).

Smugglers's Henchmen caught in Bombay during riots

*303. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN†

SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some henchmen of a Dubai based smuggler

†The question was actually asked in the floor of the House by Shri Sukomal Sen.

were apprehended by the army in Bombay during riots in early January this year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action was taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down... (*Interruptions*)... First supplementary.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Though the question is very important, unfortunately the Home Minister has evaded the question on the ihsue. During the last January Bombay riots, three were numerous reports in the newspapers that sophisticated arms were used and one Bombay-based mafia don was connected with the arms smuggling in Bombay,

There were also reports in the newspapers that some henchmen of that Dubai-based mafia don were both Hindus and Muslims. It was reported that one Shiv Sena MLA was apprehended by the Army among those who were found in the car. One of them belongs to Mr. Dawood Ibrahim who is a mafia don in Dubai. New, I would like to know from the honourable Minister whether...

SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: No, he is not connected... (*Interruptions*)... He is not connected at all (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Mr. Sen, you are misleading the House... (*Interruptions*)... It is totally a false piece of information... (*Interrdptions*)... It has been contradicted by the Home Minister of Maharashtra... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will all of you sit down?... (*Interruptions*)... Will you sit down?... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, the answer is to be given by the Home Minister and not by anybody else... (*Interhuptions*)...

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Why are the BJP people reacting to this?... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Two Congress (I) MLAs of Thane are connected with tnis... (*Interruptions*)... Two MLAs of Thane are connected with this... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you please sit down?... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया : (**व्यवधान**) सर, यह बी०जे०पी० और शिव सेना वाले माफिया को खबर दे रहे हैं। इसलिए उनको बचाने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं।... (**व्यवधान**)... इसलिए यह सवाल का जवाब नहीं आने देना चाहते हैं। ... (**व्यवधान**)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you please sit down?... (*Interruptions*)... Will all of you sit down, please? ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Sir, I would like to know from the honourable Minister... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया : (**व्यवधान**) महोदय, यह माफिया की वकालत कर रहे हैं बी०जे०पी० और शिव सेना वाले।... (**व्यवधान**)...

श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : (**व्यवधान**) हमारा यह आरोप है कि आपने उस परिवार को बम्बई से उड़ा कर भगा दिया।... (**व्यवधान**) हमारा यह आरोप है।... (**व्यवधान**)

श्री रामदास अग्रवाल : यह एक सही बात है। रिपोर्ट आई थी।..... (**व्यवधान**) किसी एम०एल०ए० का नाम नहीं था।... (**व्यवधान**) यह वहां दंगे करवा रहे हैं और खुद झगड़े करवा रहे हैं।... (**व्यवधान**)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you please sit down?... (*Interruptions*)... This is not the please to raise this matter... (*Interruptions*)..

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया : यह माफिया को डिफेंड करने के लिए यहां पर आए हुए हैं ।... (व्यवधान)

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Sir, it is a privilege issue... (*Interruptions*)... It is highly objectionable... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री सुरेश पचौरी : ...(व्यवधान) यह तो इस सदन का भी अपमान है । ...(व्यवधान)

DR. INDRA KUMAR JAIN: Sir, ..(*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have to observe discipline... (*Interruptions*)... Dr. Jain, you have to observe discipline. what do you think? This is Parliament or something else? Please sit down... (*Interruptions*)...Please sit down. Do not argue.... (*Interruptions*)... Let him ask his question. Let the House proceed. Please do not disturb us...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Sir, I want to know from the Home Minister, (*Interruptions*)... Mr. Home Minister, please listen to me... (*Interruptions*)... Sir, I would like to know... (*Interruptions*)...from the honourable Minister... (*Interruptions*)... Sir, I would like to know from the Home Minister whether ...(*Interruptions*)... in December and January...(*Interruptions*)...Sir, let the Home Minister answer... (*Interruption*) ...I will repeat the question... (*Interruptions*)... Sir, I would like to know from the honourable Home Minister whether the anti-social elements who were rounded up during the last December-January riots in Bombay are connected with the Mafia don of Dubhai and whether the people have been rounded up after the recent Bombay blasts also belong to the same Mafia don Dubhai and the same people were operating also in January... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now the question is asked. But unfortunately, Question Hour is over.
(*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, let him reply.
(*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: If you want to discuss this matter, you must raise the issue separately under the Rules. I cannot extend the Question Hour.
(*Interruptions*)

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Conversion of M. G. lines into B. G. lins in Rajasthan

*304. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to convert 3360 Kilometres M.G. lines into B. G. during the Eighth Five Year Plan in the Staee of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what progress has so far been made in this regard for conversion of Delhi-Ahmedabad-Jaipur, Swai Madhopur-Jaipur, Phulera-Jodhpur-Jasalmer Pipar Road-Bilara and Merta city M.G. line into B.G. lines; and

(c) whether any final decision has been taken to open new lines in areas like IGNP command area, desert areas and tribal areas; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

Statement

(a) 2,344 KMs of metre gauge lines in Rajasthan are prtposed to be converted into broad gauge during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

(b) The progress made in this regard is as under:

(i) **Delhi-Ahmedabad via Jaipur:** Delhi-Rewari will be converted in